Sr. No.	State/UT	1997(P)
19	Punjab	2639
20	Rajasthan	12141
21	Sikkim	143
22	Tamil Nadu	9047
23	Tripura	1228
24	Uttar Pradesh	22047
25	West Bengal	17832#
26	A&N Islands	60
27	Chandigarh	7
28	Daman & Diu	5#
29	D&N Haveli	50
30	Delhi	96
31	Lakshadweep	3
32	Pondicherry	73
	All India:	**197708**

(P)-Provisional
#-Projected

Purchase of cotton by CCI

914. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed by Government to purchase cotton from cotton growing States;

(b) if so, the quantity of cotton/bales purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) from each State during the last one year, so far, particularly from Gujarat;

(c) whether the purchase of cotton was as per the target fixed;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) in what manner Government propose to compensate the farmers whose cotton remained unsold/unpurchased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) Cotton is covered under the Minimum Support Price (MSP) Scheme of the Government. Under the scheme, the Central Nodal Agency, the Cotton Corporation of India, is required to intervene in the market and start procuring cotton, as soon as market prices touch the MSP. The procurement is expected to be continued till market prices stabilize. Since purchases are made under an open ended scheme, no targets of procurement are fixed.

(b) to (e) Quantity of cotton purchased by the CCI in different States including Gujarat under Price Support Scheme (PSS) during 2001-2002 is placed in the Statement. (*see* below)

(f) The farmers are free to sell their produce to the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) or in the open market and there is no other scheme in this regard.

Statement

Purchase of Cotton by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) during 2001-2002 (as on 26.2.2002) under minimum support price scheme

(Qty. in bales of 170 Kgs. each)

State	Purchases under MSP
Andhra Pradesh	3,72,545
Karnataka	10,775
Orissa	13,518
Gujarat	1,99,745
Madhya Pradesh	59,459
Rajasthan	36,681
Haryana	504
West Bengal	80
Grand Total :	**6,93,307**